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E.O. 12065: GDS 12/18/87 (FRIEDMAN, T.B.) OR-P  
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SUBJECT: PEN: THE NUMBERS GAME

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1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, A LEADER OF ONE OF THE MOST RELIABLE LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS STATED THAT THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN JAIL FOR OTHER THAN CRIMINAL CHARGES IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THOSE GIVEN REFTEL. IN PARTICULAR, HE SAID, ACCORDING TO HIS ORGANIZATION THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS UNDER PEN ALONE IS PROBABLY OVER 600. HIS OWN ORGANIZATION, HE SAID, IS PRESENTLY HANDLING THE CASES OF ABOUT 350 PRISONERS WHO ARE BEING HELD UNDER PEN ALONE.

3. COMMENT: THE FIGURES GIVEN REFTEL WERE VERIFIED TO US BY THE RED CROSS, WHICH MAKE THEM HIGHLY CREDIBLE. THE RED CROSS VISITS ALL "POLITICAL" PRISONERS IN

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ARGENTINA AND SHOULD KNOW WHAT IS TALKING ABOUT.  
ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE HUMAN

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RIGHTS ORGANIZATION IS INTENTIONALLY MISLEADING US.  
WHAT MAY BE AT PLAY HERE IS DEFINITIONAL PROBLEM--  
WHO IS A "PEN ONLY" PRISONER. IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE  
ASKED OUR SOURCE TO GIVE US A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF  
PRISONERS, AS HIS ORGANIZATION UNDERSTANDS THEM. WITH  
THAT IN HAND, WE SHALL CROSSCHECK WITH THE SOURCES OF  
REFTEL, A PROCESS WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE WELL IN ADVANCE  
OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS  
REPORT.

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